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By Belinda Eielad Rachman

USD was recently given a $4 million gift to support clinical education by Michael Thorsnes, a USD Law alumni from the class of 1968. According to Dean Christine Strachan, this is the largest gift in the law school's history. She said Thorsnes, a partner in a general business litigation firm in San Diego, attributes much of his success to the legal education he received at USD Law School.

Mr. Thorsnes has been a long-time supporter of USD's trial team. This year he gave $25,000 to supplement the trial team budget for this and next school year. According to Professor Richard Wharton, trial team Director, Mr. Thorsnes began giving money to the trial team three or four years ago so that USD could compete in national competitions. One year ago Thorsnes asked Wharton what he could do to help make the trial team as good as possible. A meeting followed between Professor Terry Player, Warton and Thorsnes to draw up a clinical education wish list. Wharton suggested the possibility of creating an intense clinical semester that would be available to all USD law students instead of the limited openings available in clinical programs now. Thorsnes was very enthusiastic about that idea. Wharton said.

Kathleen Quinn, Director of Development for the law school, discussed with Mr. Thorsnes the possibility of an endowment several years ago. When Thorsnes realized that the sale of one of his investments would enable him to donate this sizable grant, Quinn and Dean Strachan began the negotiations that resulted in his gift. Thorsnes has stipulated that the money is to be spent on admissions clinical education. In addition, he has established a $5,000 prize for the best teacher of the year to be voted on by upper division students. Thorsnes' interest is to put USD on the map, help recruit students, and give USD a lot of visibility, according to Dean Strachan. The Dean reports that faculty will be chosen along with a few outsiders to visit schools with innovative clinical programs "so we don't re-invent the wheel."

Dean Strachan has said that she would like to send more teams to more competitions, have more clinical courses, and teach a wider variety of skills. She said it is important to graduate law students with a minimum level of competency in all essential skills in all areas of law including office management and drafting documents. Some schools are teaching "Law Offices of the Future" and Strachan would like to offer a class like that, as well.

USD Law alum Mike Thorsnes gave the law school money to enhance clinical programs.

By Eydie Kaufman

In mid-December, several toys purchased for a Christmas toy drive sponsored by the Women's Law Caucus were stolen, according to the Women's Law Caucus. However, in the true spirit of the holidays, students, faculty, and local residents responded with donations and toys to help replace the missing items. According to Anna Lee Nations, SBA representative for the WLC, as many as 30 presents were missing. Most toys were wrapped and left in a collection box outside the WLC office in the Writs. Nation said people that had donated to verify they had left their toys. Some of them were taken from inside the office," added Kim Wyngate, a WLC member. "I have to believe whoever took it needed it more than we did."

The total loss was valued at $400. Nations said "We were just upset about the kids and private citizens who had seen the money and couldn't afford to their children in low income houses whose parents cannot afford presents. The children write letters requesting a present. The Women's Law Caucus compiles the letters and asks people to fulfill the wishes of the children. This year, 90 children wrote requests, tripling last year's drive. Although no official report was made with campus security, Director Chuck Mosier did contact Wyngate to find out if there were any leads. Mosier said the chances of finding the culprit are "nearly impossible," since there are no witnesses. Although there are no suspects, Nations hypothesized that the thief must be from...

USD TO RECEIVE Order of the Coif

By Belinda Eielad Rachman

After 20 years and three attempts, USD is likely to receive one of the highest honors bestowed on law schools, the Order of the Coif, since the Order's inception in 1992, only 75 law schools have been asked to join. While many schools apply each year, USD was the only school inspected in 1995. According to Dean Strachan this honor is a huge reputation builder. It's a mark of distinction that is recognized by employers who may not be aware of USD's reputation. Also, judges know about the Order of the Coif and consider this when hiring clerks. The Dean says this increases the value of a USD law degree.

While 40% of American Bar Association accredited law schools have the Order of the Coif, many gained recognition earlier. Once a school receives the honor they are no longer inspected and can never lose the recognition even if they would no longer qualify. According to Dean Strachan, more schools have obtained the honor than actually reflected by the current standard the Coif represents. This fact, combined with increasing stringent standards, means it is more difficult for a law school to be recognized by the Coif committee. In order for a law school to qualify it must be accredited by the ABA. The school must also be recognized by the Association of American Law Schools. Two thirds of ABA schools are in the AALS. If a school is a member of both those groups, it may apply for a Coif inspection. Each application involves assembling thousands of pages of documentation. If the Coif committee decides the school might qualify, then a group of inspector visits the applicant school. USD was visited this past September and three judges inspected our school for the quality of faculty scholarship, the quality of the student body, and the rigor of the intellectual experience.

The top 10% of USD graduates will be elected to the Order of the Coif each year. At all future graduation ceremonies there will be a special augmentation to the mortarboards of all those elected to the Order of the Coif.

In 1996, 160 USD law students were invited to join the Order of the Coif. The list step before the honor becomes official is a vote of approval by the member schools. At least 80% must consent. In the history of the Order of the Coif, no recommended school has ever been turned down. USD should receive official notification of the decision by April, in time for this year's graduation.

USD Setstle Law Suit with Former Dean

By Eydie Kaufman

A settlement was reached between USD and former employee Marilyn Young. The settlement came as the trial of the wrongful termination awarded last March. The sides had entered into mediation with Young's lawyer, David Strauss, since last December. Strauss said the sides had entered into communication with anyone connected with this matter but declined to comment further on the grounds that part of the settlement prohibited communication with anyone connected with the University. Strauss also declined comment to Ann Krueger, a San Diego Union-Tribune reporter, despite her...
WHAT'S NEW IN THE LRC? BOOKS OF SPECIAL INTEREST...

GOODRICH, PETER. Orbis Lex: Psychoanalysis, History, Law. Proposes a the- ory of subjective attachment to law, suggests that the aesthetics of legal practice, juristic taste, discrimination, and judgment—provide access to the subconscious of law.

HILL, FRANCES. A Delusion of Satan: The full story of the Salem Witch Trials. Guides us through the thickness of history and explains exactly what went on during the period between 1691-1693 when over 100 men, women, and children were shackled in the prison at Salem, charged with witchcraft.

KATZMANN, ROBERT A. The Law Firm and the Public Good. Argues that pro bono work is in the law firm's self-interest, that a heightened concern with the public good can improve a lawyer's spirit, sharpen lawyering skills, and enhance the humanis- tic traditions of law practice; and that the law firm and the public good are linked.

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LEVY, LEONARD W. A Licence to Steal: The forfeiture of property. Traces the develop- ment and implementation of forfeiture of and control over property. Once that, because it is so often abused, serves only to undermine civil society.

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OWEN, DAVID R. Courts of Admiralty in Colonial America: The Maryland experience, 1634-1774. Examines the history of the admiralty law system as it was transmitted from England to America.

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REGAN, PRICILLA M. Legislating Privacy: Technology, social values, and public policy. Explores the dynamics of congressional policy formulation on privacy issues and explains why legislation has lagged so far behind technological development.

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ROBERTSON, BERNARD. Interpreting Evidence: Evaluating forensic science in the courtroom. Explains in clear and logical terms principles of interpretation which are applicable to all forms of scientific evi- dence, and shows how witnesses should present their evidence and how litigants should attempt to seek out the true value of the evidence.

SCHWARTZ, BERNARD. The Unpublished Opinions of the Rehnquist Court. Provides a behind-the-scenes look at the Supreme Court, showing how changes between the drafts and the Justices' final opinions have created substantial differences in the outcome of the Court's decisions.

SCHWARTZ, WARREN E. Justice in Immigration. Addresses the questions: When it is justifiable to exclude a person who wants to enter a country? And what are the moral bases for immigration policy?

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SINHA, SURYA PRAKASH. What is Law? Con across the chronological barri- er of history to consider the most signifi- cant legal theories and systems based on the originality of their contribution to human thought.

TULLEY, JAMES. Strange Multiplicity: Constitutionalism in an age of diversity. Addresses the six types of demands for cul- tural recognition that constitute the most intractable conflicts of the present age: supra-national associations, nationalism and federalism, linguistic and ethnic minorities, feminism, multiculturalism, and Aboriginal self government.

MOTIONS

Welcome back to everyone! I hope that everyone is planning to have a great a semester as I am. To all of my fellow third year students: A few more weeks and we're outta here.

First I would like to update everyone on some things that have happened over the break, beginning with the printing issue in the LRC. All of the effort which students put into voicing their concerns about the elimination of free research printing in the LRC was well spent. Dean Strachan listened to our concerns and decided that they had some merit. Of course, she also decided that the LRC's rea- son for eliminating printing also had merit. Therefore a six member committee was formed to shape a solution for the issue. The committee included myself, Rich Ames, Sean Salmon, Professor Theresa Player, Nancy Carter, and Professor Mike Ramsey. We met over the break and came up with a great solution. There will be no free research printing on the terminals in the new computer lab, BUT (and this is a big BUT) there will be free WESTLAW and LEXIS printing from the dedicated WESTLAW and LEXIS terminals. Plan call for 5 to 7 terminals of each to be available at any given time. Similar to before, this plan will go into effect as soon as the new computer lab is up and running, which should be in mid-March. We considered this a major victory for the students because the administration listened to our concerns, and acted on them. While we won't be able to access the stand alone printers from the lab, it is hardly an incon- venience to go up to the second floor, and Free Printing is here!

We have not had access to the LEXIS print- er more than a year and a half. My thanks to everyone whose efforts made this possible.

Also over the break, we had a move in the mailbox location. There were several reasons I pushed for this move: improved accessibility, lowering crowding, less noise in 2C, and because I wanted to install a bul- lein board over the mailboxes that will list the contents. If you like the location, you will stick with the mailboxes moved downontowers. The Dean did not feel that was the best idea, so they are only moving across halls on the second floor. If you like the location in the second floor lobby, sorry, it was only temporary. So, it appears that we will con- tinue to suffer crowding and mail handling problems, but the noise in 2C has been reduced, and the bulletin-board is up.

Please check it daily when you get your mail for what will be happening on cam- pus. Hopefully this will reduce our paper pollution by eliminating the need for gen- eral stuffing of mailboxes by student groups.

O.K. that's the break, now for some things that are coming up. The SBA will be sponsoring a blood drive with the San Diego Blood Bank on February 14th to prove that lawyers really are bleeding hearts and that we do want to contribute to the community. There is an appointment schedule for donors on the door of the SBA office. Please sign up to prove that you care about the community. We are also attempting to plan a Mardi Gra party that will rival the Halloween Party. Keep your eyes open for details. In an effort to control commercialism on campus (and to relieve representatives from table sitting duties), we are trying an experiment this semester by only allowing bar reviews courses to sit for two scheduled two-week periods. One in February and one in April. If you have bar reviews, please come and register as a representa- tive and please stop by their tables during the sitting periods. Also, give your SBA rep your comments, if you have any, to help us determine if this format of running Bar Reviews is acceptable.

University of San Diego
Three New Ballot Measures Address Lawsuit Reform

By Chris Knight
Three new initiatives are heading for the November general election. These three in particular will directly affect the lives of present and future attorneys, so I spoke with a representative of each to get a little more information about them.

Joe DeVries is the 26-year-old San Diego attorney who wrote the initiative for the basic change to the Volunteer, a grass-roots consumer advocate group. Volunteer is the same group that brought us Prop. 103 in 1988, as well as other initiatives that established an elected position and mandated lower auto insurance rates across the state. They also joined other groups to support Prop. 186, the single-payer health care initiative that was defeated at the polls.

The basic Volunteer ballot proposition puts three initiatives on the ballot, grouping them together in a way that they all fall under the legal system reform package to benefit California consumers and the profession by changing opposition to the law from the Trial Lawyer Association. Additionally, opponents include Harvey Rosenfield, founder of the Proposition 103 Environmental Defense and the author of the Volunteer insurance. Industry expose that brought us Voter Revolt, a grass-roots group that supports consumer advocates. Volunteer, California Chamber of Commerce, the California Trucking Association, and the California Republican Party.

DeVries described the third initiative, Prop. 201, that the bond, said DeVries. The Volunteer, in the uncharacteristic position of having to run against several initiatives against the CTLAs initiatives, assuming the third initiative, the common public sentiment for ballot initiatives shifting toward the cynical side already, DeVries thinks that may harm future attempts by his group to pass measures for more positive changes. However, he indicated that since most of the public disapproved for initiatives centered around the impression that special interest groups are dominating the process, the potential harm to Volunteer's group-son group can be overcome. If they base their "no" campaign on the money behind the Volunteer measure, they can defeat them like the cigarette companies are trying to do.

"The key is the bond," said DeVries. "Right now, there is no risk to the public to have the average cost to defend one of these cases is $960,000 and 1000 labor hours. Under Prop. 201, if the attorney has received a demand letter, the Volunteer Environmental Impact Report for the project was found that EDCO was operating the transfer station without a valid permit. EDCO claimed it was operating under the permit issued to its predecessor at the site, Bay Cities, but that permit was by implication inoperable. Moreover, the Volunteer has been convinced through a series of real estate deals and the proposed conditions attached to the Coastal Development Permit granted to EDCO by the Planning Commission that EDCO had misrepresented to the Compliance the type of waste it intended to process at the site. EDCO claimed that it would bring in only dry cardboard waste, when in fact it intended to increase the volume of potentially waste that had created the public nuisance in the first place. In a dramatic hearing before the Full City Council, the Volunteer presented evidence of EDCO's and waste transfers to other facilities, indicating that the site's history of past violations. Additionally, the Volunteer pointed out a significant environmental justice issue—the transfer facility was intended to service communities like Coronado, La Mesa and National City, rather than Barrio Logan itself. The Volunteer's evidence resulted in an unanimous vote to overturn the Planning Commission's decision to permit enlargement of the facility.

The concept was working in favor of EDCO. The Volunteer argued through legal action that the transfer facility was intended to service communities like Barrio Logan, and the plaintiff fees to Keep RAKE members and the Volunteer, and the Volunteer, which is a consumer, as a voter, as a person interested in distributing the power equally among all people in a democratic society, you should vote yes on these measures.

The Volunteer initiative is a non-partisan Rand Coastal Development

The Volunteer, a non-partisan Rand Coastal Development

For many years, the transfer facility had been in operation, without violating its permit under Bay Cities Inc., processing putrescible waste rather than the dry cardboard specified in its permit. The Volunteer had found a public nuisance infesting the area with clouds of flies, dust and vermin. Traffic truck traffic on the roads adjacent to the site, and the Volunteer was concerned about local residents. New residents are not able to carry on normal activities. For a number of years, both the Volunteer and the Board of County officials complained about the situation.

When working to obtain an Environmental Impact Report for the project, concerned with the possible impacts the Volunteer Environmental Impact Report for the project was found that EDCO was operating the transfer station without a valid permit. EDCO claimed it was operating under the permit issued to its predecessor at the site, Bay Cities, but that permit was by implication inoperable. Moreover, the Volunteer has been convinced through a series of real estate deals and the proposed conditions attached to the Coastal Development Permit granted to EDCO by the Planning Commission that EDCO had misrepresented to the

Therefore, the $2.5 billion per year going to personal injury attorneys from the insurance industry represents money paid by someone other than the consumer, it is money already, De Vries thinks that may be used by anyone if you are in an accident. This is especially important when you realize that 1 out of 4 California drivers are uninsured. The Volunteer's initiative would reduce the statutory system, 25% are not paying in, but are still taking out. This adds up to another $1 billion per year that can be substantially reduced if the system is decreased. For example, in Michigan, which has a No Fault system similar to the one proposed in Prop. 201, evidence from the Michigan courts is that uninsured drivers are dominating the process, the potential harm to his grass-roots group can be overstated, De Vries thinks that may be used by anyone who is in an accident. If the Volunteer has received a demand letter, the Volunteer has been convinced through a series of real estate deals and the proposed conditions attached to the Coastal Development Permit granted to EDCO by the Planning Commission that EDCO had misrepresented to the

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This is going to be my last Raj’s World.

A friend of mine, one of the very few I’ve known my entire life, recently found out that there was a tumor in his back pushing up against his spine. There’s a good chance it’s cancerous and there are concerns about paralysis or even death. He recently graduated from Columbia and is living in San Francisco awaiting word on graduate school. It makes me sick that this could happen to someone who worked so hard to get out of a small town in Tennessee and that it, who’s goofed off his whole life and who’s had the opportunity to do stuff stupid enough to complain about dumb shit in his school’s newspaper. I wrote most of this before I decided to make it my last so I hope you bear with the not very smooth subject changes. But I definitely think I’ll take my own advice after this and just shut up.

About three months ago I started running in order to keep in shape until my injured knee improved. Another jogger came walking by me and asked, “What’s with all the slow’.” I thought about tripping him but that just didn’t seem right. So I started running more every day. I was feeling great and had even taken track in college. Then, out of nowhere, he hit his stride, said bye, and took off. He looked like Wile E. Coyote with those Acme rockets strapped to his back going after the Roadrunner. I should have hit my stride, said bye, and took off. After growing up I’ve learned to make concessions around that, you learn to make concessions to the point of insanity. After growing up (and make no mistake I love the Bible) I would have left my little nest, being reborn, living there, and dying there. Their vaca- tion consisted of going to the big city a hundred miles away. So many min us on the majestic snow capped mountains, cap- tured so viscidly by Ansel Adams, summits that set the entire ocean on fire, pyramids built thousands of years ago that seem to touch the sky, beaches, with sand so white that it looks like freshly fallen snow... I think that it seems more noticeable to me because so many people have told me so. I don’t really care. The world has so many things to see that sometimes I feel like I’m going to spend my entire life in archives on the things I missed my first twenty-odd years. But therein lies the problem of being a lawyer. You can work so hard to make so much money and had not enjoyed any of it. A recent survey by ABC found that most California lawyers were unhappy with their work. So many work hard and had high ideals only to be overwhelmed with paper work and bureaucracy that left them frustr- ated and depressed with their situations. Many law school with the fire it takes to be a lawyer only to realize that being a lawyer isn’t all it’s cracked up to be, which dumps water on that fire. And with cam- paigns in the courtroom, much of the mys- tique of lawyers in society is quickly disap- pearing, especially with the recent criminal cases getting such nationwide attention. I’m becoming more and more irritated by the critical abuse lawyers are taking from society, even though I may choose not to make my living there (though other fields like politics and some businesses suffer from the same social lashing).

It certainly is some idiotic, devi- ous, or amazingly selfish lawyers who pro- mote this image to society. It’s just a shame that it reflects on the whole profession. Someone should make a lot of money in the game where even first years have a good home run. Saba did not hit a home run, yet since I have no idea who will be the manager of the team. This lead to many hours deciding that the decision the comp league should prove to be relatively constant. There to four con- tenders and four to five teams that have no chance. Co-rec is rarely predictable in any sense since it relies on female partic- ipation which is far from predictable. Neither way spring softball is coming and will hopefully be free of rain and fartens.

Spring basketball started or started on Feb. 4th. There is no news report of any as yet since I have no idea who will be play- ing or what the first talent pool will bring. Good luck to all and remember, this is the game where even first years have a good chance at the glory. Correction: The last article written by my Lackey Ryan Saba stated that he hit a home run. Saba did not hit a home run, has never hit a home run (in this league), and never will hit a home run. Perhaps this challenge will get him to rise to the occasion. Something his female friends would love I am sure. But he did have a hit.

Take a Cancun Break.

**Intramural Report**

By Dave Boyd

The Intramural season is upon us and there is news to report. First we will take care of the playoff season and winners from last season. I took no notes and since my team lost in the semis I real- ly don’t care about the rest but here it is. Some would call me bitter, what do you think? Todd you’re still not the “best” team.

Comp: Congrats to R.O.Y.S. on their victory over Natural Born Killers (NBK) in the final round. Luckily for R.O.Y.S. they left to the acronym - Rest Of You Suck. How creative and apparently true now. But just remember that R.O.Y.S. did lose last season to Kaiser Sosa Conspiracy (KSC) and despite all their efforts to explain away the loss, it still remains the only blemish on R.O.Y.S. record. But unlike NBK in their first championship season, rumor has it that R.O.Y.S. will be disbanded. Apparently this team realizes that any attempt to defend their title would be futile. Regardless of whether the rumor is true, R.O.Y.S. will not be taking home any t- shirts this season. Just for information NBK defeated KSC in the semi-final. As to KSC hold on until the virtual coronation happening tomorrow that makes the rest of the game seem somewhat futile and unnecessary. Once again KSC promises a defensive shake-up to avoid what has become essentially destiny for the team. R.O.Y.S. earned their final bid by defeating Bratton’s Bommers. This second year team really has proven to be quite competitive and if R.O.Y.S. stays in the league I am confident Bratton’s Bommers will have a little payback in mind.

Co-Rec: This league proved to be a little less exciting in the playoff run. There was very little question on who the final teams would be, and so to no surprise the teams were Res Judicata and Funkybones. Funkybones beat Res Judicata (RJ) in the regular season which was the only loss for RJ during the regular season. The rematch was set, with Funkybones the slight favorite and they... folded almost imme- diately. I don’t much like the alumni team, but Funkybones just plain got beat. So basically there are a bunch of people out there who no longer go to school here that have our t-shirts. Due to scheduling restraints the alumni may not have a team this season, but if they do it would be nice to see that they didn’t walk away with another championship - that is embarrass- ing. Plus now they will think that if they are not allowed to play, that it was because they were winning. They must be hum- ble.

The upcoming season should prove to be interesting. Depending on the R.O.Y.S. decision, the comp league should prove to be relatively constant. There to four con- tenders and four to five teams that have no chance. Co-rec is rarely predictable in any sense since it relies on female partic- ipation which is far from predictable. Neither way spring softball is coming and will hopefully be free of rain and fartens.

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Belinda Etzead Rachman Says
These are the questions the Bar asks your friends. Don't say, "Motions never did amount to anything for you!"

Ever wonder what questions the State Bar of California will spring on your pals if you dare give them their names to the Bar? You have to name names when it comes to applying for the Moral Character portion of the Bar. You will pay $265 for the pleasure of being investigated so that the Bar knows you are worthy of practicing law in California. This has been the thing I dreaded most. I was sure they were going to ask the kinds of questions that would reveal who the devils were. So it was with great relief when Bobby, my best friend of 20 years, passed the 12 questions with his responses and I saw that he could almost be completely honest when answering.

In the spirit of service that is least you should expect from those in charge of your law school newspaper, here are the big twelve. You can alert your friends as to what is coming. There can't be many here with a more checked past than I, so you shouldn't have any problems.

1) Do you know the applicant well? (easy one)
2) Are you related to the applicant? (are you so pathetic you don't have friends?)
3) Is the applicant ever been convicted for cause from employment? (when you explained your lost job to your pals there was no cause at all, it came as a big surprise)
4) Has the applicant ever been asked to resign from employment? (Hell, no! I quit.)
5) Has the applicant ever been arrested or convicted of a violation of the law? (problematic if you drove over 55 or have 12 speeding tickets given to you)
6) Has the applicant engaged in fraudulent activity? (problematic if you drive over 55 or have yes)
7) Has the applicant been terminated the party instead of fooling around with it? (when you Bobby. Was that a breach of trustworthiness?)
8) Are you related to the applicant? (are you so pathetic you don't have friends?)
9) From your personal knowledge, do you believe the applicant has been diagnosed or treated for a medically recognized mental illness, disease or disorder that would currently interfere with his/her ability to practice law? (another nugget. You might be convinced you are the incarnation of President Kennedy's left nut but no one ever diagnosed you as nutty or else your pal doesn't think it would interfere with your practice, and the next thing you know you're standing next to me at our swearing in ceremony)
10) Do you believe that the applicant is of moral good character with respect to honesty, fairness, candor, trustworthy and observance of fiduciary responsibility? (I can guarantee you that everyone's left nut is not diagnosed but I can assure you that everyone is honest and trustworthy)
11) On the basis of your knowledge of the applicant's moral character, do you unequivocally recommend the applicant for admission to practice law? (no matter what your deal is, true friends will answer yes)
12) How many years have you known the applicant? (easy one if your friends can count)

From your personal knowledge, do you believe the applicant has been diagnosed or treated for a chemical dependency that again. Mom gave me former Assistant Dean for Administration and Program, wrongfully fired in retaliation for reporting to University management that Dean Kristine Struchman had misappropriated funds and altered statistics given to U.S. News and World Report for their annual survey ranking law schools. I know it sounds naive.

"Someone really wanted or needed those toys," said Nations. "I hope it was done out of necessity, not making money.

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independence from the University. Young, a former Assistant Dean for Administration and Graduate Programs, brought a wrongful term suit against USD. Alleging the was

Field's, said Nations. "I just wouldn't want to think that. I know it sounds naive.

The other day, I happened upon a group of fellow first-year gripping. This was not amazing, as it is a skill that first-years seem to rely on heavily. But what was amazing was that they were gripping about their fellow students' attire. It appears that some students feel it is inappropriate to wear shorts and t-shirts to law school. After all, they reason, you wouldn't see a law clerk dressed that way. And it is law school, after all.

I may be splashing up treacherous waters here, but I tend to see this as one of the main problems underlying law today. Students and attorneys have bought into this notion of grandeur that the law is a big mythical beast that only they have been privileged enough to tame. But in a profession that proclaims to be advocating truth, justice and fairness, traditional notions of stature have only served to complicate and perplex matters.

Trends of the legal profession reflect this belief, as witnessed by the move away from "legalese". While a licensed attorney can and should learn archaic legal terms, they make the law incomprehensible to the public. This makes it extremely difficult to explain to juries what their responsibilities are and thus get a fair judgment. While some of the grand language can be traced to the traditional origins of law, most of it is tied to ego.

As a journalist undergrad, I learned to be a bad writer will often choose to hide under big, stance words to make him/her self sound impressive. Realistically, the biggest challenge is stating something in common language that everyone can appreciate and enjoy without altering the important substance of the message.

Similarly, in law there is a movement to stay away from legalese and encourage more concise, coherent writing. And it follows that traditions are being "skirted" in the area of dress as well. In English, female barristers can now wear pants suits. In the US, a woman attorney kicked out of a Florida court for wearing slacks and the judge and won. Also in Florida, a male lawyer wearing a small earring sued after being expelled from the court.

Law is a profession, and dressing professionally is undoubtedly an integral part of this career. However, there needs to be more flexibility and realism and less concentration on style, conservative traditions. Idealistic first-year that I am, I think that for law to thrive and improve, it needs to remain within the familiarity of society and should be more open and warming. While we need to respect the foundation and history of the legal profession, we should not forget that the laws ultimately derive from and work to serve all the people.

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Campus Watchdog
Press or Success?

By Yvonne Kaufman

Don't get me wrong, I firmly believe, and say, learning more every day, that the court is a sacred arena that deserves a certain respect. But, one can dress in a manner that does not offend the court without having to buy into the typical corporate-suit, boring-stuffy, attorney look.

Even more importantly, the students that started me on this mini-griade seemed to feel that merely a clerk or researcher in a law office needs to be professionally dressed at all times. An attorney meets with clients. A researcher or clerk reflects through dozens times until all hours seeking vital data. Plus, most clerks are extremely limited monetarily. Do people really care if they go through an attorney's office and see a law clerk piling over some documents wearing a pair of Levi's and a sweater instead of an Armani? "Hell no," a high school instructor for El Centro. "If the attorney is good, I don't care what their assistants look like. It wouldn't affect me at all." While I do not think that a person should dress sloppily or wear unkempt, ragged clothing, I cannot believe that, in an office where the lawyer approves it, other law students find that a casually dressed clerk would be an offense to their sensibilities.

"If someone's not going to court, not expected to go to court, there's no reason why they should have to dress formally," said one L.L.M. candidate. When asked him if he would be turned off by seeing a "plain-clothed" researcher in a firm or practice's office, he replied frankly, "I wouldn't give a shit.

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Become an Info Maven With Folio VIEWS

By Larry D. Deshew
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Dr. Lazarus, 51, a native of Elma, New York, came to his position at Marquette University in 1988 after eight years at the University of Dayton in Ohio, where he served as the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Prior to joining Dayton, Lazarus was Associate Academic Dean at Salem College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. During his seven years at Salem College, he was Chairman of Classics and Director of the Honors Program.

Before that, he was an Assistant Professor of Latin and also Military Academy at West Point from 1970-1973.

Dr. Lazarus was named an Administrative Fellow of the American Council on Education in 1978, serving for one year as Special Assistant to the President of Memphis State University.

Dr. Lazarus participated as a professional archeologist during excavations in Nemea, Greece, as part of a 1977 University of California expedition and in Tel Beer-Sheva, part of 1972 Tel Aviv University/University of North Carolina joint expedition. In 1993, he was a consultant at a University Feasibility Study at the Port Authority of Freeport, Bahamas.

Dr. Lazarus holds a B.A. (with concentrations in classical languages and philosophy) from Canisius College in Buffalo, New York, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Classical Languages from Cornell University. He is the editor of Discovery, Faith, Service: Perspectives on Jesuit Education, (Marquette University Press, 1992).

Dr. Lazarus and his wife, Carol, have three children and currently reside in Brookfield, Wisconsin.
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**International Law**

USD Prof Discusses Former Profession in International Law

*By Donna Pahl*

Before Professor Mike Ramsey joined the faculty here at USD, he was an associate for four years at Latham and Watkins where he practiced international project finance. Now what exactly is international project finance? According to Prof. Ramsey, it is a type of foreign direct investment where typically a third world country (yet not always a third world country), wants to build a powerplant, road or some sort of infrastructure. What they don't have is the money, capacity or resources to do it themselves; therefore, they encourage foreign investment.

The typical process (which Prof. Ramsey was involved with) is where an American company makes a contract with a foreign government to build a powerplant. Another contract is also made to sell the power from the plant to the state power company. The American company is basically the developer, and it is a change of arranging for construction, permits and most critically, for financing. There are two ways to get financing in this type of situation. One way is to get a bank loan, and the other is to sell securities on the public markets. What a company does not want to do is finance the project itself, especially if it's in an unstable third world country. It is best to limit the risk of the project to the project. Otherwise if it fails, the equity of the American company is at risk and other projects could go down with it. To maintain the separation, the financing can be accomplished by setting up a subsidy or by not including any guarantees.

Lawyers are needed to represent all of the parties involved, the foreign government, the American developer, the banks, the underwriters for the stock, the power company, etc. Generally, Prof. Ramsey's firm represented the developer and sometimes the bank.

The majority of the projects that Prof. Ramsey worked on were in Indonesia. This type of job involves a great deal of travel. Some attorneys in Prof. Ramsey's firm were sent overseas for long periods of time, yet most were shuttled back and forth via long flights (and not first class either).

While claiming that he likes to travel and that there is an element of excitement to working internationally, Prof. Ramsey says there is also some drudgery. There were times when after the 20+ hour flight he would go straight to meetings with the foreign government. This work can be tough on families especially if both spouses have demanding jobs. Prof. Ramsey noted that most of his married co-workers managed well. One worry for women may be that certain cultures may discriminate against them. Prof. Ramsey stated that in his experience there weren't any problems with gender discrimination, and some of the top attorneys representing the government (in Indonesia) were women.

This area of law is a new field and not at all developed. Prof. Ramsey didn't even know it existed when he first went to Latham and Watkins. He did regular securities work for his first year, and then started looking around within the firm for something a bit more challenging. He talked to people about international project finance and used his securities experience to get in the door. If you are interested in a certain specific aspect of the field, Prof. Ramsey warns that you may not want to pitch yourself too narrowly at the start because they may not need someone like you at the specific time. He advises that you get in first and then figure out the appropriate people to cozy up to. This is easier to do within large firms.

Prof. Ramsey found his job to be rewarding. He enjoyed helping a country by supplying it with much needed power and technology while not being paternalistic, and of course at the same time making a profit. What he disliked most were the hours, but that is a domestic occurrence also.

When asked what advice he has for students interested in this field, Prof. Ramsey advises students to focus on doing well in school and to take basic transactional classes to help you once you have the job. Prof. Ramsey is available to talk to those who have questions. Feel free to visit his office in room 310 in Warren Hall.

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**Barcelona, Florence Summer Programs Planned**

*By Helen Lecesne*

Many of USD's International Law classes are offered through our summer study abroad program. This year USD will start new summer programs in Barcelona, Spain, and Florence, Italy, next summer. These four-week programs will run from May 27 to June 21 while the weather is pleasant in both cities, giving students a summer study abroad program. The Barcelona program will focus on European law, and has received extraordinary cooperation from officials there, including the Mayor, the President of the Supreme Court of Catalonia (equivalent to our Chief Justice), and the Director-General of Universities. USD professor Theresa Wray will direct the program, in which Jorge Vargas will offer International Environmental Law and University of Virginia professor Steve Walt will teach International Economic Law. Barcelona faculty will teach European Union Law courses. Barcelona is a city rich in art and architecture. Aside from being the hometown of both Picasso and Miro, it was the center of Modernist architecture which is reflected in many public buildings and private houses.

The Florence program will be held in the Centre Cultural Contemporanea, which is located in the 18th century Casa de la Cantar. The house was built and remodeled, with a typically Spanish central courtyard, was completely renovated inside and air-conditioned as a conference center, while maintaining in tradition and formality. The center is located in the center of old Barcelona, in the Ramblles de Canates district, near both the Placa de Catalunya and the Placa de la Universitat. It is at 15 minutes' walk from the renovated waterfront.

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**Tips on International Law**

*From Prof. H. Lawrence Serra*

Many people have been inspired to pursue careers in international law as a result of having been exposed to other cultures. H. Lawrence Serra, an adjunct professor here at USD, became interested in practicing international law after having worked as a U.S. spy in Cambodia during the Vietnam era. Later, he lived in Asia for three years and traveled throughout all of North and Southeast Asia. His immersion in other cultures gave him a unique insight into American culture and law.

As an international attorney, he was one of the first Americans allowed to practice in the area of international commercial transactions in the People's Republic of China. Throughout his career, he has also practiced, and continues to practice, extensively in Europe.

His interest in other cultures motivated him to learn Mandarin Chinese (while still in law school), French, Vietnamese, and other languages.

Professor Serra believes that this is a particularly exciting time to practice international law due to an explosion of private international law issues resulting from the technological revolution, the expansion of governmental regulatory acts, and regional compacts such as NAFTA.

Serra's advice to students interested in going into international law is to spend a summer or semester abroad, become bilingual and bicultural, and consider getting a comparative law degree.

To be a competent international lawyer, you need to be able to understand foreign contract law, write international contracts well, be familiar with the relevant regulatory and administrative laws, and understand how foreign lawyers operate in order to be able to negotiate well with them.

Professor Serra attempts to impart his vast knowledge in these areas during his course, International Sales Transactions. He spends two-thirds of his course lecturing on the technical and procedural aspects of International Sales, and the last third of the semester is hands-on practical experience negotiating and writing an international sales and licensing agreement.
WHY I WANT TO PRACTICE INTERNATIONAL LAW

By Lisa White

I have always been interested in international law. That's a question I've been asking myself a lot lately. It was the summer before my first year of law school at Syracuse University. I had just returned from a trip to Europe and had learned so much about international relations that I was certain of was my continuing interest in international issues and how to resolve them.

During my undergraduate career, I participated in a juvenile year abroad program. I was in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, at the University of Zagreb. While there, I majored in international law because I thought I was interested in that area. The train stopped at the border because there was no transportation available from Yugoslavia to Austria. The only way I could get out of the country was to return to Zagreb.

I was visiting my family in Austria when I returned to Zagreb. I made a long story short, they found a taxi driver that would drive me to the border. It was only a ten or fifteen minute drive to the border, but it seemed like hours, even days. I could see smoke from the bombing in the hills; I was in a war zone. This fact was driven home to me when we were forced to stop at a "homemade" roadblock and a machine gun was shoved into my window. The taxi driver said these people just wanted to know if I had seen any enemy soldiers, and thought maybe he had some hidden in the trunk. We arrived at the border and I walked across in jeans short, tee-shirt and Doc Martens. The border officials were able to get me a ride to Graz, the closest train station, and I was off.

Never in my life have I felt as helpless as I did on that day. No one cared that I was an American. No one could be bothered to protect me and my rights. The only things that rescued me from that desperate place were two friendly soldiers and a courageous cabbie.

My last enlightening visit was to Belfast. While I was only there for a little over thirty-six hours, I learned more about human suffering than I ever cared to know. I met up with a German journalist who was covering a story on the children of this divided city. He showed me the areas of Belfast that a tourist would not usually visit: the Peace Line, Shankill Road, the Divis flats, and the poorer sections of the Catholic and Protestant quarters.

We spoke to children about the long struggle between the "Fenians" (Catholic) and the "Prots" (Protestants). It was astounding to hear an eight year old Protestant girl explain upon her hatred for the Fenians. Then a ten year old boy recounted the story of a sixteen year old boy who was caught stealing from the Ulster Volunteer Force and was flogged by having three of his fingers cut off. The stories from the Catholic children were similar.

The teenagers had a weekly ritual of going out and breaking windows in Protestant areas as well as beating up Protestant children. They told us how their families were harassed by the Catholic soldiers and Protestants and of marches honoring those killed by the Prots. The conflict in Northern Ireland seemed so deeply imbedded in both religious communities that it appears to be beyond resolution.

I was awed by the stories of these youths. I realized how often I take for granted the liberties and freedom I possess as an American citizen. My year abroad heightened my awareness of the struggle of others to obtain what Americans consider inherent rights. These experiences sparked a desire to pursue some aspect of international law—whether it be human rights, trade and development, or international business.

I returned to Paris this past summer on the USD summer abroad program. I took two classes, International Law with Professor Weiler, and European Union Law with Professor Swan. Both classes were excellent. The instructors, especially Weiler, provided extraordinary insight into the caldron of international law. The most difficult thing about this area of practice is that there is very little "hard law," custom pretty much sets the stage for what international law is. International law is largely determined by who argues the chosen subject matter— who is more persuasive in his interpretation. While we are continually taught this technique in law school, it's importance is paramount in the practice of international law.

By the end of my travels, I was able to walk away with a better grip on the difficulties involved in practicing international law. As one of my professors used to recite, "Even if you don't want to practice international law, it's good to take an international law class so that you know enough to realize you don't know enough." As his theory went, you have to know enough to realize there is more to know.

That class made me realize that if you want to practice international law, you had better prepare for the worst and hope for the best because international law is only as solid as your arguments.
USD's Study Abroad Program
The Trip Worth Taking

By Eve Winter,  
Northeastern University School of Law  
July 1, 1995 — "Arrived in Paris tonight. Air France from Budapest. Tomorrow begins part two of this crazy summer of study abroad. First task: buy a nap and find the program location in 'Le Marais'!"

I always write in a journal, and occasionally I read some of it again. Journal entries from the summer of 1995 will serve as a reminder, not only of my amusing attempts at writing in French, but also of the people and places I discovered through the University of San Diego Institute on International and Comparative Law.

Because of the unique alternating quarter system at my own law school at Northeastern, I was scheduled to attend summer school anyway — if not in Boston, then elsewhere. Unlike many other students, I needed to join two summer study abroad programs in order to receive the right number of credits. The day after my first program exams ended in Budapest (organized by a different university, but that is another story...), I flew to Paris to join the USD program.

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Oxford and Other Escapades in the Summer of 1995

By Chris Delan,
Southern New England School of Law
Last summer the USD Study Abroad Program enabled me to view Europe like I never had before. I began my journey to Europe a few weeks before classes were scheduled to begin at Oxford. I picked Turkey as my starting point and planned to work my way towards England. As it turned out my stay in Turkey was much shorter than originally anticipated. While I was doing some touring in southwestern Turkey, I opted to expand my horizons in what turned out to be more of an Indiana Jones type fashion.

I had decided to stray from my usual cultural devotion of sitting on a European bar stool to actually go out and view a Mosque temple in the Muslim section of town. I found I could not get a clear view from where I was standing so I came up a rooftop to enhance my attempted Polaroid shot. What I did not realize is that Rushdie reciting The Satanic Verses. When I turned to look I saw a small angry mob of Turks heading in my direction. As I started to run they started to form a wall in front of me. I quickly moved from the dining area into the bar that on then to the kitchen, in which four Turkish cooks started at me like I was a rabbit and today's special was rabbit stew. I ran like hell. I started to hear the Turks heading in my direction. As I started to run they started to form a wall in front of me. I quickly moved from the dining area into the bar. I proceeded through the kitchen, camera in hand, down the back staircase and disappear in the darkness. Needless to say, I took the next boat out of Turkey, but as you can see I did get my photo. After my Turkish circus act I worked my way through Greece, Italy, France and then on to England. After arriving at Oxford, I found it extraordinarily unique because of the tradition of the institution.

I was contemplating making that call to my mother explaining to her that I now live in a Turkish prison, and her new daughter-in-law is some guy named Amand. By Chris Dolan,
Lida Heffernan

There are many reasons to take advantage of USD study abroad program in Paris. From a scholastic perspective, the program offers distinguished and motivated professors from law schools across the country in smaller, more personal classes. The courses offered are not generally offered at USD, including International Art Law and International Trade and Investment (from an economist's perspective), Meeting students from across the country is fun and offers an opportunity to network in different cities. Studying abroad is even a great way to boost your GPA because non-USD students do not receive a grade at their school, and usually just need to get a "C" for credit. Also, previous summer institute students spoke at a round table discussion about their experiences practicing law in Paris and gave students information on pursuing international legal careers.

On the fun side, there is so much to do in the beautiful City of Lights, you couldn't possibly do everything. Such things include exploring the literature of the city, walking through the Louvre's masterpieces, photographing goggyoles atop Notre Dame, eating French multi-course dinners with bottles of French wine, watching the Tour de France, and, finally, cruising the Seine at night on a Bateaux Mouches at the conclusion of the program.

Lida Heffernan

The courses gave me a great opportunity to study international law from a truly international perspective. It was an interesting change of pace to be able to get a European viewpoint instead of being skewed by the usual American point of view. The staff also did a great job providing some day and evening trips to areas such as Stratford, the birthplace of Shakespeare, and to the Inn of Courts, the home of British law. They also made outstanding efforts to join us for a few (or sometimes more) beers at some of the local pubs. After a couple weeks of all this culture and tradition, I put my life in perspective and decided to "run with the bulls" in Pamplonia, Spain. Running with the bulls was similar to the crowd frantically running out of the theater in the movie The Blot. I just kept imagining that the bulls were those angry Turks chasing me down an alley in Turkey. This gave me the incentive to run almost at the speed of light. After that, I decided to mellow out a little before I returned stateside in a casket. All in all, the trip was enlightening, and that is no bull.

By Liz Heffeman and Jill Perry

Running of the Bulls) and Normandy. During the train rides you can either attempt to start your homework or take a bottle of wine to share with your friend while viewing the countryside. Although you may find the individual train tickets are not cheap, keep in mind that you will probably never have the opportunity to have such a fabulous trip in foreign countries with great friends. Besides thoroughly taking advantage of the sightseeing and nightlife, I also loved the personal academic aspect of the summer program.
Dirty Bathrooms and Law Degrees

By Ken Long

Ten years ago it started innocently enough. I was leaving Catalina on a ferry after a two-day scuba trip. The water was choppy, people were green, and I was bored. My cousin says to me, "You wanna see some fun?" He tells me we will pick out the greenest passenger on the ferry, stand on each side, and look for our missing pork chop.

It worked great. We saw a 16 year old standing at the side of the boat about ready to hurl. I stood on his left, my cousin on the right. My cousin felt his pocket and alarmingly said he had lost his pork chop. He said it was a good one with a nice layer of grease and fat on it. I said I wanted to chew the fat because it helped prevent getting seasick. This 16 year old was too sick to kill me, he made a bee line to the john.

So began a life of making people sick. I learned that not everyone has a strong stomach like I do. Then my sisters ate too much, I would offer them a thick piece of Spam. They would barf when I offered to jerk it. I soaked retainers in pickle brine, and always suggested we eat Big Macs after we stuffed ourselves into lethargy at Thanksgiving. The day after my whole family waddled away from Christmas dinner, I made Chicken Fajitas for breakfast, served with chocolate milk and olives. I made a lot of people pay homage to the porcelain. The fear of retaliation never occurred to me—I never get sick.

Over Christmas I tried to flush a mountain. It got dark, cold, and my nose didn't work (neither did my hands). I could not melt snow, and at that attitude I was very dehydrated. I went down to where the glacier ended and stuck my pan into the icy water, drinking until my sugar-covered teeth hurt. I knew I wasn't supposed to do it. In streams, melt water, and lakes there is a little parasite named Gardacia that comes from animal waste. But I was thirsty, and I didn't care.

Two days later I was home in Las Vegas and succumbed to a bout of dysentery. I vomited often, crawling out of the bathroom and lying on the floor of my parent's house, groaning like a bloated ox. I sweat most of the day, sometimes hallucinating that I was still in the tent, still on that miserable mountain drinking tainted water. The parasite, inactive in the cold water, woke up in my warm belly and was making hell. My brother came over to visit me, he said he was concerned about my wellbeing. He should have been. I was shivering, sweated, and harling all at the same time.

After looking into my eyes and assessing my symptoms, my brother said that he bought a new book on natural remedies and he read the part about parasites. He said (with a straight face) that when you have a parasite, you should eat two heads of raw lettuce to "draw you out." He said by now the parasite has laid lots of eggs and I needed to "flush'em." I was deadly sick, very, very scared, I let him lead me into the kitchen where he pulled a head of lettuce from the fridge. Even the smell of it made me puke again. But the "flushing" theory sounded like it had merit and I so desperately wanted to get better. Two bites and it all came back up, plus some more. It was a vile sight, me witting on the floor, hands on my gut, in a snelly bathroom.

Then I heard a faint chuckle and my brother went on his way. Lettuce does nothing for parasites. I was had. I felt left for dead. To add to my suffering, I knew I deserved it. It had been over a month, and I still can't eat lettuce.

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STATE OF THE UNION REDRESSED

By Thomas Hiphe

The State of the Union Address. The forum was full of the leaders of the land with their conservative daze, off set only by the First Lady's fashionable outfit, waiting for the man of the hour. The president, a commanding speaker, took the stand. He prophesied about our future and challenged us to make this a better America. He saluted the heroes of our great country, tasted us with educational goals, and even put in a plug for Hillary. The standing ovations were with their conservative dress, offset only by the heroes of our great country, taunted us with educational goals, and even put in a plug for Hillary. The standing ovations were with their conservative dress, offset only by the heroes of our great country, taunted us.

It was the typical boring high school pop rally full of fluff and enough presidential self-stroking to make Joyce Lyn Elders proud. Even Comedy Central's Prez Billy Hipke could not transform the speech into anything engaging.

What should have been informative and prophetic was not. The report of Reanes running opposite the speech said more on the state of the Union. Do we need this yearly farce at all?

Bill Clinton's life tells us more of America's condition than his speech did.

ELC Continued

The Clinic challenged the County of San Diego's adoption of a mitigated negative declaration for a proposed subdivision of property in Sierra Club v. Kibbee. Both the County and the trial court overruled substantial evidence from state and federal agencies and biologists of substantial environmental impacts to sensitive habitats and sensitive species on the Kibbee property. The experts agreed that the open spaces proposed as mitigation for the project would not protect coastal sage scrub habitat on the property or the riparian oak woodland. One state-endangered plant, the thomastini, was threatened by the project, as well as several Category I & II species. Clinic clinic Deborah Hawkins argued the case for the Sierra Club before the Fourth District Court of Appeals. The County and Kibbee urged the Fourth District to abandon the standard of review articulated last year in Quail Botanical Gardens Foundation, Inc. v. City of Encinitas 29 Cal.App. 4th 1397 (1994). They argued that a recent California Supreme Court decision, Western States Petroleum v. Superior Court 9 Cal. 4th 559 (1995) mandated "full deference" to the County's decision not to prepare an EIR. They also argued that the 1993 amendments to CEQA supported their "full deference" standard. The Fourth District correctly rejected the application of Western States, recognizing that it was a case in which an EIR had been prepared, requiring therefore, a different standard of review. The Fourth District agreed that substantial evidence in the record supported an conclusion that there would be substantial environmental impacts on the state under La Jolla Cove, I pity them. I am so free, and life in prison is so bad. But then I remember the crimes they did to deserve prison, I remember the victims. I remember the bags on my desk, knowing they held the only earthly remains of a five year old girl. And I don't regret my work in the least. You reap what you sow.

This is my last semester of law school. I hope when all is said and done, when I grow old and buy a sofa rocker, that I deserve more than the dirty floor of a tenth bathroom. With a law degree, we can do good. And we'll reap what we sow.

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1995 Law Alumni Advisor Program Gets Off To A GREAT Start

By Julia Longstaff
Law Development and Alumni Relations
The 1995-1996 Alumni Advisor Program kick off was a tremendous success with 113 students and 63 alumni participating. The Law Alumni Advisor Program, for first year students, originated in 1981 and is sponsored by the Law Alumni Association Board of Directors. Anthony Mountain, class of 1972 and a member of the Board, has been the event Chairperson for three years. A voluntary student committee matches classmates with advisors according to area of practice and interest.

The program provides an opportunity for students to learn first hand about the practical aspects of law.

Alumni Relations held a reception for students and alumni on November 29 on the first floor of Warren Hall. The reception gave the students and advisors a chance to meet and set up additional meetings off campus. We would like to thank those alums who were willing to advise two students. Your advisor has offered his or her time for this program, now it is up to you! Have you contacted your advisor yet?

By Ian King

THE PERKS OF PRO BONO

A law student, especially if you are a first year like me, you are constantly busy with school work. I know personally, when I came to law school I told myself I would be involved with nothing except studying, studying and by the way did I mention studying.

However, I have some valuable advice which could take you further than you planned. We all need to volunteer. While many of us believe volunteering is merely a waste of time, or maybe if we're lucky, a resume booster -- I beg to differ.

I have no aspirations of becoming a probation officer, but I did think it would be good experience because I want to become a District Attorney someday. While in training for probation I met the director of the gang and drug prosecution unit for the D.A.'s office. I fortunately had a resume with me, and gave it to him. On the day I went to the probation department to get my identification card, the D.A. requested that he have an interview with me. Well, instead of working for probation, I now work in the District Attorney's Office.

The point of this advice is not only that when you volunteer, you may get lucky and get a better job, but the entire reason I got the interview was because my resume illustrated that I had a wide variety of experience. This experience all comes from volunteering.

Volunteering not only benefits whatever or whoever you are working for, but also helps you more than you may think. You build your resume which makes you look much more attractive to employers.

You network with people who may be able to give you a job. And if they can't give you a job, they probably know someone who can. Thus, you meet people, which is the key to success. You also gain skills and knowledge which stays with you forever. In addition to all the above which broadens your horizons, you are giving yourself to an entity which needs help and what goes around, comes around.

So remember, next time you see a bulletin or get a flyer in your mailbox, a job could be right around the corner.

For information about any Pro Bono Legal Advocates Program, please leave a message in the Pro Bono mailbox by the Writs. Be on the lookout for the next edition of the Pro Bono Legal Advocates Newsletter.

The American Heart Association is giving out free copies of "A Guide to Losing Weight." If losing a few pounds is part of your New Year's resolution, then get this brochure. You can find helpful recommendations to turn your resolution into reality. Call the San Diego Office at 291-7454 and ask for Leslie Bruce. Or drop by the office at 3640 5th Ave. to pick up your free brochure. Remember, successful dieting demands planning.

Time To Get Ready For The Law School Talent Show! Get together your skit, song, parody or impression. There are no sacred cows! If you suffer from stage fright, we need help with set up and food.

It all happens Friday April 19th on the first floor outside the Writs.

For more info contact Jena Kirsch or Belinda Etesad Bachman.
by Joe Torgoli

Nineteen ninety-five. What a year. British film star Gary Oldman, after losing his way in a dalliance with a Hollywood hooker during the opening weeks of not one but two late-twentieth-century Meisnerian mechanics of Chevy Buhaffasoro, after having blithely asserted that he could not lay his stupidity, miserable luck, and indiscernible film into a career in show-business by hiring a publicist, is arrested for picking up a prostitute at a Los Angeles 7-11. (He was in town to film a game show episode.) And, lest we forget, Madonna's estate is broken into by a bedraggled homeless adulterer, as cynics accuse the Material Girl of being something of a whiny, hard-bitten loose cannon.

The media seem to have become more and more comfortable with the thought of revisiting what they see as her flagging popularity. Vaunted network news programs sink to levels once reserved for trashed tabloid shows. Trashed tabloid shows gloss up their hair, hire perky media stars, and pass off their tacky reportage as real news. The year 1995 only saw this trend toward even lower levels of taste and antics publicize perversely virtually every crevice of our existence.

Nineteen-ninety-five was also the year of the Newt. TIME magazine named the new Speaker of the House "Man of the Year," although a TIME editor hastened to point out that Stalin and the Ayatollah Khomeini also received that sometimes dubious distinction. For awhile anyway, it seemed that Newt's upside was everywhere. A band of freshman Republican members of Congress followed him around, wearing his logo and hauling around books of his quotations mysteriously appearing at the supermarket checkout stand. One company even marketed a pair of boxer shorts sporting his smiling visage.

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While you were away, the federal government shut down. First it was the budget discussions and then it was the weather. Our plans to verify summer employment opportunities were thwarted. The below-listed agencies published summer hiring projections in the 1996 Summer Legal Employment Guide. If you are interested in any of the listed agencies, please feel free to call and confirm hiring information prior to forwarding your application materials. In addition to the agencies we've highlighted in this article, the 1996 Summer Legal Employment Guide identified many agencies which listed application deadlines in January. Given the extensive nature of the government shutdown, I would guess that many of the January deadlines have been relaxed. Please see the Guide for detailed agency information.

1996 SUMMER FEDERAL LEGAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

COMMERCIAL, US DEPT OF NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA) - provides legal counsel and guidance to NOAA officials. 3/1/96 deadline for 1L's.

COMMERCIAL, US DEPT OF PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE - provides administrative and policy direction for the registration of trademarks and other related operations. On-going application deadline for 1L's, 2L's, and 3L's.

ENERGY, US DEPT OF - students are assigned to work in Energy Department divisions handling legal matters. 1L's, 2L's, and 3L's should apply between 1/31/96 and 3/31/96.

INTERIOR, US DEPT OF; Office of the Solicitor - serves as chief legal advisor to the Department which administers federal lands, is responsible for the conservation and development of fish and wildlife resources, coordinates federal and state recreation programs, and manages hydroelectric power systems. 1L's, 2L's, and 3L's should apply after 2/1/96.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, Office of the General Counsel - provides broad programs of care and assistance to over 29,000,000 veterans.

Federal Pay Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, portions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Vocational Rehabilitation Act. 2L's should apply between 2/1/96 and 3/15/96 only.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION - ensures that competition in the marketplace is vigorous, free, and fair. 1L's must apply between 12/15/95 and 2/15/96.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION - supervises and regulates the trading of securities, enforces disclosure requirements, investigates securities fraud, and enforces any resulting legal sanctions. 1L's and 2L's need apply no later than 3/13/96 (postmark date).

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD, Office of the Executive Assistant - acts to prevent employers, employees, and labor unions from engaging in unfair labor practices and illegal union organization activities. 3/15/95 deadline for 1L's, 2L's, and 3L's.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE, Office of the General Counsel - provides legal counsel to the legislative branch agency charged with identifying waste, fraud, and abuse in the federal government and reporting it to Congress. 2/28/96 deadline for 1L's.

NOTE: Many other U.S. government agencies - within the executive, legislative and judicial branches - are holding 1996 summer intern programs. Internships also exist in international, national political, and legal service organizations.

For more information, please stop by Career Services to check out the 1996 Summer Legal Employment Guide from the front desk.

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**Evening Student Job Search Tips from Career Services**

The Career Services Office would like to provide students with information to help evening students as they consider career options and begin the legal job search. Career information is a general overview.

**For specific job search advice, students are encouraged to make an appointment with Career Services. Initially, many evening students find that scheduling a telephone appointment (at (619) 260-4529) is a convenient way to discuss their career objectives and learn about the legal job search process. In addition, resume and cover letter editing are available by faxing copies to (619) 260-6828, or mailing copies to Career Services, USD School of Law, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego, CA 92110.**

Career Services also provides job search guides, reference materials, programs, and workshops to assist students with their job search.

Legal employers -- government, law firm, public interest -- typically solicit resumes, resumes, resumes. In fact, according to the agency's annual hiring schedule.

Career Services regularly assists employers in this process. So that evening students can become familiar with these various hiring schedules and not miss application deadlines, they should whenever possible visit the Career Services Office or check the Career Services bulletins board beginning their second year of law school.

Many evening students have experienced difficulty in obtaining the legal experience sought, and in some instances required, by prospective employers because of conflicts with their full-time employment schedule. In the past, evening students have been able to utilize the following strategies to help them get legal experience and “build a resume”.

Negotiate a leave of absence or accumulate vacation time to work a summer law clerking job. (summer positions are typically 6-8 weeks). (Evening) students should take special note of the importance of full-time academic enrollment and summer internship.

**Conduct law clerking project work during weekends or school vacations.**

Volunteer for positions with Pro Bono Legal Advocates, VITA, public interest organizations, government agencies, or other legal employers who may have evening or weekend opportunities.

Join local bar associations and attend evening, weekend, or lunch hour activities. Apply for law school-based positions (hiring qualifications vary), including faculty research assistant, academic support group study leader, or lawyering skills assistant.

Enroll in USD clinical programs (limited availability, prerequisites must be met). Although clinical programs typically meet during normal business hours, some students have requested a one-semester work schedule adjustment so that they can enroll in the clinical program.

Network. All students must learn the art of networking. Networking is particularly useful, however, for students in full-time professional positions which they intend to pursue upon graduation. Students should let these colleagues, clients, and other professional contacts know they are looking for legal employment. Request a copy of the Networking Guide.

The Career Services staff looks forward to working with you in developing your career plans and assisting you in the job of type of work, or whatever negative things come from law, you’re able to do what makes you happy. For some, having a lot of money, despite the work, will do that. For others, it works for them, and the work and the money will go hand in hand. I think the best saying I’ve heard and it pretty much pervades all aspects of life including work is, “Don’t ever let your mind talk you into something your heart can’t live with.” Regardless of the negative things in life, there are always options. A second year student, after being frustrated with the idea of actually having a summer job and who was much more frustrated with graduation said it best to me the other day, “If I hate what I do, I’m heading to the Bahamas. Get a hut with a name on it.” Now that sounds like a plan.

**Water Law Conferences**

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Water is one of the essentials for life as we know it. Usable water should not be taken for granted, but it frequently is. If you are interested in learning more about current issues in water law and policy, you should be aware of the following:

The American Bar Association’s Section of Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law is holding its 14th annual conference on water law at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina West Tower on February 6-8, 1996. A special registration rate of $75 is available for law students. Students interested in more details about the program should contact the ABA at 312-988-5724 or Professor Jack Minan, LRC room 317, 260-4607.

For the 4th year, Professor Minan, in cooperation with the Environmental Law Society, has organized a water law conference at USD that overviews the ABA water law conference. Presentations will include legal issues involving reclamation and reuse of water supplies, endangered species litigation, and others. The USD conference will be held from 2-4 p.m. on February 9th in the Moot Court Room, with a reception following in the faculty lounge. This conference is available to USD students at no charge.

**Spain and Italy Added to Study-Abroad Program**

The Dublin program (July 1-August 2) is co-sponsored by the Faculty of Law of University College Dublin. Classes are held at Trinity College Dublin, International Human Rights, Comparative Civil Rights, and Comparative Criminal Justice are among the courses offered.

The University of Paris' Centre de Recherche Historique et Juridique houses the Paris programs. Both contain international and comparative law runs from July 2 until August 9. The courses offered in Paris are: International Business Transactions, International Environmental Law, Tax on International Transactions, Public International Law, European Union Law, and International Entertainment Law. Two graduate business courses, open to law students, are offered by the USD School of Business. Group Dynamics and Leadership, and International Business. Additionally, a two-week course, International Economic Dispute Resolution, and a clinical internship are offered.

At all of the programs, tours of legal interest are arranged, and talks will be held with judges, lawyers, and faculty. In addition to the legal courses, foreign language courses are offered, not for credit, in Florence, Barcelona and Paris.

Admission to these programs is open to persons currently enrolled and in good standing at any law school in the world. The application deadline is March 15, applications received after March 15 will only be considered if space is available.

Information on the program costs, housing arrangements, and a detailed schedule is available in the brochure and at the USD Web Site. For more information, pick up the brochure, available next to the mailboxes or at the Summer Law Study Office on the third floor of Warren Hall, or visit the Web Site at: http://192.215.86.8 or through USD’s home page at: http://www.acusd.edu/Campus. You can also write to Ms. Cindy King, USD School of Law, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego, CA 92110-2942; E-mail: cking@usd.acusd.edu.
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